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SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTION TO ASEAN-US DISCUSSIONS

1. REACTIONS TO ASEAN DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WHICH WE
HAVE THUS FAR RECEIVED AT SUB-CABINET LEVEL (MINISTERS
WERE LATE IN RETURNING TO THE COUNTRY) HAVE BEEN GENERALLY
QUITE POSITIVE.

2. IN AUGUST 15 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AND E/C
COUNSELOR, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO GENEVA AND CURRENT "CHIEF
OF STAFF" TO THE VICE PRESIDENT ALEX ALATAS, SAID HE HAD
LEARNED FROM BRIEFING HE HAD JUST RECEIVED THAT WIDJOJO
WAS VERY PLEASED WITH WASHINGTON TALKS IN GENERAL AND
PARTICULARLY WITH COMMON FUND DISCUSSIONS WITH UNDER
SECRETARY COOPER. QUITE CLEARLY, HE OBSERVED, SECRETARY
VANCE'S AND SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S CONFIRMATION OF THE
U.S. COMMITMENT TO ACTIVELY PURSUE CF NEGOTIATIONS WAS
REASSURING TO THE GOI. MOREOVER, THE FRANK ELABORA-
TION BY THE U.S. SIDE OF THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF THE
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"SECOND WINDOW," CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CF AND VOTING
RIGHTS HAD CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE OF CANDOR AND OPEN-
NESS WHICH WAS MOST APPRECIATED.

3. CSIS STAFFER LIM BIAN KIE, WHO ACCOMPANIED WIDJOJO
TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, ALSO REPORTED THAT WIDJOJO
WAS VERY PLEASED WITH DISCUSSIONS, WHICH LIM TERMED

"TEN TIMES BETTER THAN MANILA MEETING." INDONESIAN DELEGATION, LIM ADDED, WAS PLEASED AT OPPORTUNITY GIVEN ASEAN PARTICIPANTS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS TO WIDE RANGE OF U.S. AGENCIES AND TERMED EXIM BANK PARTICIPATION IN MEETING A REAL PLUS. SOLE NEGATIVE NOTE IN LIM'S ACCOUNT OF WIDJOJO'S VISIT WAS LATTER'S DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S "NEGATIVE ATTITUDE" TOWARD INDONESIAN LNG. LIM BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT PERTAMINA CHIEF PIET HARJONO'S SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT HELP GIVE WIDJOJO A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.

4. OUR FOREIGN DEPARTMENT CONTACTS HAVE GIVEN THE WASHINGTON MEETING MIXED BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE MARKS. ONE MEMBER OF THE GOI DELEGATION FROM THE ECONOMIC SIDE OF FONDEP (HARTANTYO) PLACED FOCUS NOT ON IMMEDIATE RESULTS BUT ON DEVELOPMENTS SET IN MOTION. HE CITED EXIM BANK SUPPORT FOR ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AND OPIC MISSION AS FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WERE UNLIKELY TO HAVE BEEN INITIATED IN THE ABSENCE OF A HIGH-LEVEL WASHINGTON MEETING. HE ALSO APPLAUDED BROADENING OF THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INCLUSION OF REFUGEES, NARCOTICS, CONSULTATIONS ON VIETNAMESE DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER NON-ECONOMIC TOPICS. REFLECTING PERHAPS THE VIEWS OF DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DARUSMAN, A SOURCE FROM POLITICAL SIDE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FONDEP (SUDARSONO), GAVE PROMINENCE TO GOI DISAPPOINTMENT OVER POOR U.S. PRESS ATTENTION TO THE MEETING. GARDNER

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